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SUBJECT: PGNU SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES CABINET DECISION TO
DISSOLVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

AT REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, PGNU
SPOKESMAN OUDAY SOUVANNAVONG MADE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A) JULY 10 CABINET MEETING DECIDED TO RECOMMEND
THAT KING DISSOLVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON GROUNDS
THAT DEPUTIES WERE NOT PROVIDING SERVICES TO
THEIR CONSTITUENTS OR TO NATION. OUDAY SAID
JULY 9 DEMONSTRATION HAD PRECIPITATED DECISION.
AFTER DISSOLUTION OF ASSEMBLY IS APPROVED BY
KING, A FUTURE CABINET SESSION WILL DISCUSS
SUBSEQUENT STEPS TO BE TAKEN, ALL OF WHICH
ARE TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTITUTION.
OUDAY INDICATED THAT IT WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER
ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD.

B) PRIME MINISTER DENIED ORDERING JOINT POLICE

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FORCE TO FORBID PEOPLE TO ENTER NATIONAL

ASSEMBLY COMPOUND TO SIGN PETITION JULY 9.
PRIME MINISTER ONLY ORDERED JPF TO PREVENT
INCIDENTS AND MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, AND
JPF ACTION PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM ENTERING
ASSEMBLY COMPOUND WAS TAKEN UNILATERALLY.
PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS RESPECT FOR
DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING FREEDOM
OF EXPRESSION.

C) CABINET DID NOT DISCUSS PRG RECOGNITION
ISSUE BECAUSE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION TOOK
TOO MUCH TIME. CABINET IS MEETING AGAIN ON
AFTERNOON OF JULY 11 TO STUDY "AD HOC COMMISSION"
REPORT ON SOUPHANOUVONG'S 18-POINT PROGRAM AND
TO DISCUSS RECOGNITION OF PRG.
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